

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10 and insert the following paragraph in its place:

The non-woven layer of the present invention has a thickness of less than 10.0 mils, and preferably has a thickness in the range of 1 to 2 mils. The advantages of having thicknesses in the aforementioned ranges are that the non-woven layer is thick enough to absorb and laterally disperse fluid that it comes into contact with, while the present invention remains pliable enough to be very drapable.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, and 17 as follows:

C¹ 1. (amended) A drop cloth for covering a surface, comprising:
a first layer having a non-woven fabric material, said non-woven fabric material [includes] including natural fibers; and
a second layer attached to said first layer, said second layer having a liquid impervious plastic material[,];
wherein said first layer has a thickness, and
wherein said thickness is less than 10.0 mils.

C² 9. (twice amended) The drop cloth of claim 1, wherein said second layer has an adhesive material disposed thereon that facilitates a temporary attachment of said second layer to said surface [such that said second layer is interposed between said adhesive material and said first layer].
